

AQUARIUS 02-03: IDEALIZE + DEFIANCE (IDEALISTIC DEFIANCE)					
Ideal	Noun	Synonyms		Adjective	Synonyms
	1 Conception of something in its perfection .	1, 2	Epitome.	7 Conceived as construing a standard of perfection or excellence :	7 Perfect , consulate, complete .
			IDEAL, EXAMPLE, MODEL refer to something considered as a standard to strive toward or something considered worthy of imitation .	<i>Ideal beauty.</i>	
			An IDEAL is a concept or standard of perfection, existing merely as an image in the mind , or based upon a person or upon conduct . <i>Sir Phillip Sidney was considered the idea in gentlemanly conduct.</i>		
			An EXAMPLE is a person or his conduct or achievements regarded as worthy of being followed or imitated in a general way; or sometimes as properly to be avoided : <i>An example of courage; A bad example to one's children.</i>		
			A MODEL is primarily a physical shape to be closely copied, but is also a pattern for exact imitation in conduct or character : <i>They took the leader as a model.</i>		
	2 A standard of perfection or excellence .			8 Regarded as perfect in its kind:	
				<i>An ideal spot for a home.</i>	
	3 A person or thing conceived as embodying such a conception or conforming to such a standard , and taken as a model for imitation .			9 Existing only in the imagination ; not real or practical; visionary :	9 Impractical, imaginary, fanciful, fantastic.
				<i>An ideal marriage.</i>	
	4 An ultimate object or all of endeavor , especially one of high or noble character :	4 Intention, objective .		10 Advantageous; excellent; best :	
	<i>He refuses to compromise any of his ideals.</i>			<i>It would be ideal she would accompany us to care for the children.</i>	
	5 Something that exists only in the imagination :			11 Based upon an ideal or ideals :	
	<i>To achieve the ideal is almost hopeless.</i>			<i>The ideal theory of numbers.</i>	
	6 <i>Math.</i> A subring of a ring, any element of the ring results in an element of the subring.			12 <i>Philosophical</i> a. Existing as an archetype or Platonic Idea. b. Pertaining to a possible state of affairs considered as highly desirable . c. Pertaining to or of the nature of idealism .	

Idealize	Verb transitive
	1 To make ideal; represent in an ideal form or character : exists to an ideal perfection or excellence .
	Verb intransitive
	2 To represent something in an ideal form ; imagine or form an ideal or ideals .
	[IDEAL + IZE]

Defiance	Noun
	1 Daring or bold resistance to authority or to any opposing force .
	4 Bid defiance to. To offer resistance ; defy:
	2 Open disregard; contempt (often followed by <i>of</i>):
	5 In defiance of. In spite of ; notwithstanding:
	<i>There was a splendid audience in defiance of the rainstorm.</i>
	3 A challenge to meet in a combat or in a contest .
	6 Set at defiance. To disregard or flout; defy:
	<i>He sets conventions at defiance.</i> [ME < OF, equivalent to <i>defi(er)</i> (to) DEFY + -ance -ANCE]

Defy	Verb transitive
	1 To challenge the power of; resist boldly or openly :
	Synonyms
	<i>To defy a judge's order; To defy the authority of one's father.</i>
	1 Dare, brave , flout, scorn.
	2 To offer effective resistance to :
	<i>A fort that defies attack.</i>
	3 To challenge (one) to do something impossible :
	<i>They defied him to jump off the bridge.</i>
	4 <i>Archaic.</i> To challenge to a combat or contest.
	Noun
	5 <i>Informal.</i> A challenge ; a defiance.



A Deserter from the Navy

AQUARIUS 3

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(DEFIANCE)

RUDHYAR: A DESERTER FROM THE NAVY

REFUSAL TO ACCEPT THE UNACCEPTABLE

Certain of society's constraints are inappropriate for us and we must not comply

Whatever can endure on the inner planes withstands all that comes. This ability to face life head-on, and meet all things without buckling under, is earned not gifted. It inevitably requires that the individual must go against society and its norms and rules in order to find their own unique true path.

Unless we create our own loyalties, the future appears shallow and pointless

This is a statement of human independence carried to a point of extreme rebellion against things as they are, whenever our life circumstances are simply unacceptable. Where tyranny rules, then defiance is the action of a hero, which requires the psychological condition known as *death or glory*.

For the sake of an immediate liberation of the spirit, we will disregard of all the consequences of authority's displeasure and social disapproval. Freedom is a primary quality, and equates to the life-force; it is the enactment of Spirit, and will not be held in place for long.

The soul's demand for a fully rewarding expression of individuality cannot be ignored without serious personal consequences. Anything we are forced to do that betrays the soul will attract unpleasantness and eventually suffering.

It takes genuine psychological courage to bring about an appropriate repudiation of all meaningless loyalties. This usually calls upon a combination of very clear thinking and certainty of purpose, together with strong resolve and willingness to make sacrifices.

And yet it is an imperative because, except as we create our own allegiances, destiny holds no depth of meaning, is shallow and feels pointless. We can thus infer the central importance of 'daring to defy', since its absence guarantees such mediocrity.

It is made clear that any late acceptance of full and personal responsibility for life is better than none at all. Perhaps we should not have signed up in the first place, but better a late correction than no correction. We began life as children powerless to protest against injustice, which excuses our earlier inability to act – but as adults that is no longer the case, and we must now act. That said, a deserter from the navy could also indicate a person whose complete inability, to follow the rules of the game, is neurotic and indicative of immaturity.

So hero or villain then? It is in the end for us to decide for ourselves.